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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE:**

In re Application of: Lunsford, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3732

Application No.: 10/807,368 )

Filing Date: March 22, 2004 ) Examiner: Candice Capri Stokes

For: VESSEL RETRACTION DEVICE  
AND METHOD )15 Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

20 Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in seven (7) pages responsive to the Office Action dated June 27, 2005 in the above-identified application. Also attached are:

25 (X) The claim fee calculation is provided below:

|    | Claims Remaining<br><u>After Amendment</u> | <u>Minus</u> | (Col. 1)<br>Highest Prev.<br><u>Paid For</u> | <u>Extra</u> | (Col. 2)<br>Present | (Col. 3)   |
|----|--|--------------|--|--------------|---------------------|------------|
|    |  |              |  |              | <u>Rate</u>         | <u>Fee</u> |
| 30 | Total Claims                               | 20           | 20   | = 0          | x 50                | = \$ 0     |
|    | Indep Claims                               | 2            | 3  | = 0          | x 200               | = \$ 0     |
|    |  |              |  | TOTAL DUE    | = \$ 0              |            |

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Respectfully submitted,

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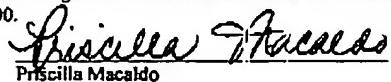
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25        Responsive to the Office Action dated June 27, 2005, please make the changes and note the remarks below:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

30        Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.